(c) whether Government had received any demand for CBI probe into this scam which resulted in the colossal loss to DDA; and

(d) if so, the decision taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) DDA has reported that no such auction has been made by DDA.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Construction of houses in unauthorised colonies

570. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that construction of houses in recently approved unauthorized colonies is not permissible at present and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government are aware that MCD staff and local police officials have been minting money from the landlords of these colonies who are constructing their houses in those colonies;

(c) if so, Government's reaction in this regard; and

(d) by when construction of houses would be allowed in those colonies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) Sanction of building plan can be done by the local body concerned only on regularization of unauthorized colonies.

(b) and (c) Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) and Delhi Police has reported that no such complaint has been received/is under investigation except one case where a vigilance enquiry is under process in Delhi Police.

(d) A firm date can not be given at this stage in view of the legal and administrative issues involved.

Hardships to pedestrians due to construction of flyovers and metros

571. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is aware of the hardships faced by school going children, aged citizens and disabled on account of construction of flyovers and metros;

(b) whether roads are meant only for motorists and vehicle owners; and

(c) the concern of Government for the plight of pedestrians in developing urban India who are tax payers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) Urban Transport is a State subject. As such, construction of flyovers is undertaken by the concerned State Governments/Union Territories/

Urban Local Bodies. Flyovers on National Highways are taken up by Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Government of India. Metro projects provide for adequate facilities for pedestrians also.

(b) and (c) The Government have formulated a National Urban Transport Policy (NUTP) in 2006 which encourages measures that allocate road space on a more equitable basis with people at its focus. Further, the urban transport projects including flyovers supported through Central financial assistance under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) are NUTP compliant with adequate emphasis on facilities for pedestrians and non-motorized vehicles.

Infrastructure development in regularised colonies

572. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have regularized a large number of unauthorized colonies in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the total number of colonies regularized so far;

(c) whether any infrastructural development including sanitation, sewer lines, electricity, roads, etc. have been provided in all these colonies;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps Government have taken to avoid mushrooming growth of Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) No colony has been regularized in the recent past. But guidelines and modalities are being prepared for regularisation of unauthorised colonies which have come up before July, 2002.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) to (d) Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (GNCTD) has reported that at present roads/drains exist in about 500 unauthorized colonies which are located on private land. Electricity and water supply are also being provided by DISCOMs and Delhi Jal Board.

(e) Municipal Corporation of Delhi has reported that it has revamped its infrastructure for detection and control of unauthorized construction in Delhi. In this context, a number of measures have been taken which includes restructuring and strengthening of existing Central Control Room, Zonal Control Rooms, Central Demolition Squad and formation of Special Task Force.

Encroachments in Palam village

573. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 4157 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd May, 2005 and state:

(a) whether the partial encroachments were removed from gram sabha land on 17th May, 2007;